

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and apparatus for performing a minimally invasive (*i.e.*, with the wound developed under an incision being substantially the same size as the incision throughout the depth of the wound) total hip arthroplasty. The apparatus includes a provisional femoral head allowing for radial placement thereof on a provisional femoral neck as well as a posterior retractor sleeve for allowing access to a femur through a posterior incision.

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